



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Council Chambers
Agricultural Assessment Work Group
February 4, 2015

Call to order: 4:00 pm

Committee Member Roll Call: Chairperson John Keshick, Treasurer Marci Reyes, Councilor Aaron Otto

Tribal Council Present: Councilor Michael Naganashe

Legislative Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Staff/Official Present: Human Resource Director Denise Petoskey, Natural Resource Department: Doug Craven, Doug Larson, Health Department: Billy Jo Head

Ziibimijwang Farm Board: Regina Brubaker-Carver, Blayne Bott, Mary Gasco, Vicki Kelley, Daugherty Johnson Jr.

Guests: Matt Crossett

MOTION

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Chairperson Keshick to adopt the agenda for February 5, 2015.

Vote: 3-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 0-absent

No Comments

Motion Carries

MOTION

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Chairperson Keshick to approve the Minutes of January 21, 2015, as presented.

Vote: 3-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 0-absent

No Comments

Motion Carries

PHONE POLLS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Summer Hatchery Interns discussion regarding housing at the Farm possibility. The Charter stated they had some comments: what would the liability be. Would it be exclusive to renter or can the Charter have open houses. Will the Charter be able to also use the kitchen? And who has authority over the house.

- Ad-Hoc Agricultural Work Group proposes land use to Tribal Council who makes the final decision.

- Vicky Kelley update on Veterans and Farming. VA will pay housing and wages to work on the farm. Further updates will be provided.
 - Natural Resource Department and Ad-Hoc Agricultural Work Group will put together separate proposals for use of the house. Natural Resource Department will gather proposals and forward to Ad-Hoc Agricultural Work Group.
- b. Ziibimijwang, Inc. Report/Updates:
- Have been reviewing by-laws and becoming familiar with what the Charter does.
 - Discussion regarding bioorganic farming with Craig and Mary Rapin from Bliss Gardens. Additionally looking for a Tribal Citizen to recruit as an intern to learn to run a CSA as well as other farm principles.
 - Met with Matt Lesky and he will submit a proposal for Beekeeping. Charter will have him send it to Legislative Services Attorney Budnick. This will include mentorship for up to (3) mentees.
 - Discussion regarding stipends. Ad-Hoc Agricultural Work Group would like to see something in writing.
 - Discussion regarding Larry Dyer's plan; and Cover crop ideas.
 - Meeting schedules are in the process of being developed.
 - Charter asked what the monthly bills are for the house. – Treasury Department can provide print out of all expenses for home and framing.
- c. Food Security Challenge Area Grant:
- Discussion regarding the goal of the grant sent to the Ad-Hoc Agricultural Work Group as an FYI from Michigan State.
- d. Inventory of Equipment:
- Councilor Keshick will need to provide information in the spring.
- e. LFPP Bid Evaluation Group:
- Regina Brubacker Carver has an interested person. Other than that we have received no bids.
- f. Decision on Rototiller:
- Charter: Do you have any plans to use such equipment? Charter asked if they will have a farmer to run equipment. **The Committee will develop a phone**

poll for the following motion after Councilor Keshick provides

additional details: Motion to authorize and approve the purchase of a Tartar 7 foot tiller from Albert Gruler, Jr. for the cost of \$1,823.72 and will allow Albert Gruler, Jr. to use the plastic mulch layer for the next 3 years at no cost.

5:09 p.m. Break

5:24 p.m. Resume

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Electrical Bid for Barn and House-Received Omar Electric Bid. Councilor Keshick will meet with White Pine and Solutions at the farm in order for them to process a bid.
- b. USDA EQUIP Grant-Discussion with Charter regarding short deadline.
- c. Tractor Updates: Councilor Keshick updated his discussion regarding unfinished contractual work.
 - Discussion regarding farming volunteers at farm and liability.

PUBLIC COMMENT

5:50 p.m. Public Comment Opens: Matt Crossett asked about the structure of how product is distributed and what are the obligations of the Citizen who receives vegetables. Matt also mentioned he is available for working on the farm.

5:56 p.m. Public Comment Closed.

Discussion regarding farm budget, a cooking demonstration via a celebrity chef night at the Casino, Heirloom Turkeys, Designated land use (Charter to bring plan).

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

6:17 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Keshick to adjourn.

Vote: 3-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 0-absent

No Comments

Motion Carries

Next Meeting Date

February 25, 2015 at 4:00 pm

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved by: _____ Date: _____